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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated April 14, 2006, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention.